



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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JUNE 2, 2003

Rain, Rain and More Rain

Rain was seen almost everyday in many parts of Maryland last week which resulted in only **1.4 days suitable for field work** for the week ending June 1, 2003. **Corn** is more than 70 percent emerged and **soybeans** are 9 percent emerged. Some western Maryland farmers are switching to shorter season corn varieties to compensate for the late planting. A small amount of planting progress was made for **watermelons, sweet corn, and cantaloupe**.

Strawberries are almost 25 percent harvested, at least two weeks behind normal. **Green peas** are about 20 percent harvested, slightly behind last year. The first cut of **alfalfa** and **other hay** is more than 20 percent harvested, almost 40 percent behind last year. **Barley** is 25 percent turned and two weeks behind normal. Low quality barley and **winter wheat** is being harvested for forage in Western Maryland.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 1, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Small Grain Development:				
Winter Wheat Headed	78	60	100	98
Barley Turned	25	5	84	77
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	68	64	72	82
Cucumbers	34	34	48	55
Field Corn	84	79	95	93
Lima Beans (ALL)	34	32	38	39
Snap Beans	35	30	39	54
Sorghum	33	20	28	30
Soybeans	14	14	41	36
Sweet Corn	66	65	83	84
Tobacco Transplanted	21	17	69	52
Tomatoes	70	69	78	86
Watermelons	72	70	67	72
Crops Harvested:				
Strawberries	23	12	62	49
Green Peas	20	16	24	21
Alfalfa Hay	22	16	78	75
Other Hay	23	15	59	59

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 1, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	30	70
Topsoil (2002)	12	31	55	2
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	48	52
Subsoil (2002)	13	60	27	-

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Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through May 24, 2003

	May 2003		Since April 1, 2003	
County	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
Maryland				
Allegany	5.8	2.6	19.0	3.2
Anne Arundel	5.9	2.6	21.1	3.5
Baltimore	5.7	2.1	20.8	2.0
Calvert	5.9	2.6	23.1	3.0
Caroline	5.7	2.7	21.2	3.7
Carroll	5.7	2.3	19.5	2.1
Cecil	3.7	0.5	5.5	0.1
Charles	7.2	4.0	9.4	4.2
Dorchester	5.8	3.0	21.7	3.8
Frederick	7.2	3.7	21.6	3.9
Garrett	1/	1/	1/	1/
Harford	5.6	2.0	7.8	1.8
Howard	5.8	2.3	7.5	1.8
Kent	5.4	2.0	7.8	2.3
Montgomery	6.3	2.8	8.6	3.0
Prince George's	6.6	3.2	8.8	3.3
Queen Anne's	6.0	2.8	8.6	3.4
Somerset	3.9	0.9	7.8	2.7
St. Mary's	6.3	2.9	8.9	3.6
Talbot	6.6	3.3	9.4	4.0
Washington	6.6	3.3	8.9	3.5
Wicomico	4.5	1.6	8.1	3.1
Worcester	4.6	1.7	9.2	4.3
Delaware				
New Castle	3.7	0.5	5.9	0.5
Kent	5.5	2.2	9.1	3.7
Sussex	4.8	1.7	8.1	2.9

Source: National Weather Service

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